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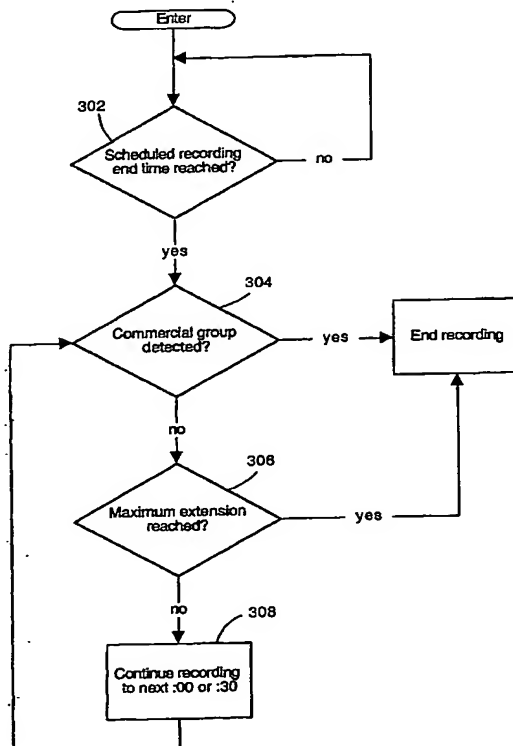
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INSURING COMPLETE RECORDING OF A TELEVISION PROGRAM



(57) **Abstract:** The duration of a recording is automatically extended in the event that a televised program extends beyond the scheduled end of the television broadcast. Groups or "clusters" of commercial messages are detected. If no such group is found at the end of a scheduled broadcast, it is presumed that the broadcast has been extended and the recording is likewise extended. The invention again looks for a group of commercial messages at the next hour or half-hour. The recording is extended until such a group is found or until the recording has been extended by a predetermined maximum amount of time.



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